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Claims:

- 5 1. A roll of tape formed of a flexible material and having a length and a plurality of portions defining a plurality of sealed, air-tight elongate chambers along said length, wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette, and wherein a selected number of each of said chambers is defined in part by an interchamber portion.
- 10 2. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 comprising a pair of complementary longitudinal films formed of a plastics material bonded one to the other as to define a plurality of sealed, air-tight chambers along said length of the tape wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette between said films.
- 15 3. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 comprising a longitudinal first film formed of a plastics material bonded to a complementary longitudinal second film formed of a metallic foil, one to the other as to define a plurality of sealed, air-tight chambers along said length of the tape wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette between said films.
- 20 4. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said interchamber portions has a plurality of perforations perpendicular to said length of said tape to operably constitute tear-off means to separate one chamber from another.
- 25 5. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 wherein each chamber is defined in part by an edge portion of said tape of sufficient finger gripping area as to operably constitute chamber opening means selected from the group consisting of push-through, peelable, child resistant peel-push, tear-open, and peel open structure means to provide access to said cigarette retained in said chamber.
- 30 6. A roll of tape as defined in claim 5 wherein each of said interchamber portions further comprises weakened flanking portions parallel to and either side of said chamber to operably comprise said chamber-opening means.

7. A roll of tape as defined in claim 5 wherein said finger-gripping area is formed of a material comprising a metallic foil.
- 5 8. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 comprising a pair of complementary longitudinal barrier films formed of a polymer, metal, ceramic or composite material bonded one to the other as to define a plurality of sealed, air-tight chambers along said length of the tape wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette or the like between said films.
- 10 9. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1, comprising a longitudinal first film, thermoformed from a single, extruded barrier coated or laminated polymer material, sealed and bonded to a complementary longitudinal second film formed of a metal, paper, polymer or combination material, one to the other as to define a plurality of sealed, air-tight chambers along said length of the tape wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette between said films.
- 15 10. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1, comprising a longitudinal first film, cold formed from metallic or metallic-polymer barrier coated material, sealed and bonded to a complementary longitudinal second film formed of a metal, paper, polymer, or combination material, one to the other as to define a plurality of sealed, air-tight chambers along said length of the tape wherein each chamber is adapted to retain a cigarette between said films.
- 20 11. A roll of tape as defined in claim 5 wherein said finger gripping area is formed of a film material selected from the group consisting of a polymer, metal, ceramic, paper, and composite material thereof.
- 25 12. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said films have anti-counterfeiting means, selected from holographic images and encryption.
- 30 13. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 wherein either of said films have illumination properties or its like known to industry, which allow for tape and/or chambers to be easily identified in less than ideal lighting situations.

14. A roll of tape as defined in claim 1 containing a plurality of cigarettes.
15. A cigarette-dispensing assembly comprising, in combination, a dispenser and a roll of cigarette-containing tape, as defined in claim 1, wherein said dispenser comprises
- 5 (a) a housing defining a chamber and constructed and adapted to receive said roll of tape; and
- (i) having tape-entry means through which said roll of tape enters said housing; and
- 10 (ii) longitudinal aperture exit means through which said tape is controllably, operably dispensed from said housing in single cigarette-containing chamber array, one after another,
- (b) dispensation means within said housing to operably effect dispensation of a desired length portion of tape through said exit means; and
- 15 (c) control means operably cooperable with said dispensation means to effect operation of said dispensation means.
16. An assembly as defined in claim 15 further comprising control cam means for preventing unwanted rearward movement of said tape within said housing beyond
- 20 a cigarette width.
17. An assembly as defined in claim 16 wherein said control cam means comprises
- (i) a pivotable cam mounted within said housing chamber;
- (ii) an interchamber portion engaging cooperable with said pivotable
- 25 cam member; and
- (iii) a stop member cooperable with said cam to prevent said rearward movement of said tape of said cam.
18. An assembly as defined in claim 15, wherein said housing has a first wall, a second wall, a lockable and removable third wall, a fourth wall, a fifth wall and a sixth wall, which define a chamber for receiving said tape; wherein
- 30 (i) said first wall, said second wall, said fifth and said sixth walls define a tape-entry aperture through which said tape is located within said chamber and which aperture operably receives said removable third wall

(ii) said first wall has a portion defining an elongate aperture parallel to and adjacent said sixth wall, which elongate aperture constitutes said longitudinal aperture exit means

(iii) said dispensation means comprises (a) a longitudinal member parallel to and in abutment with said tape within said interchamber portion of said tape; (b) cam means cooperable with said longitudinal member to allow said longitudinal movement of said tape through said elongate aperture; and (c) wherein said control means comprises handle means cooperable with said cam means to operably effect dispersion of said tape through said elongate aperture.

19. An assembly as defined in claim 15, wherein said housing has a front side wall, a rear side wall, a lockable and removable side wall, a fourth side wall, a top and a bottom, which define a chamber for receiving said tape; wherein

(i) said front side wall, said rear side wall, said top and said bottom define a tape-entry aperture through which said tape is located within said chamber and which aperture operably receives said removable side wall

(ii) said front side wall has a portion defining an elongate aperture parallel to and adjacent said base, which elongate aperture constitutes said longitudinal aperture exit means

(iii) said dispensation means comprises (a) a longitudinal member parallel to and in abutment with said tape within said interchamber portion of said tape; (b) cam means cooperable with said longitudinal member to allow said longitudinal movement of said tape through said elongate aperture; and (c) wherein said control means comprises handle means cooperable with said cam means to operably effect dispersion of said tape through said elongate aperture.

20. An assembly as defined in claim 19 further comprising lockable stop means cooperable with said handle means to prevent unwanted movement of said handle means.

21. An assembly as defined in claim 19 further comprising

(i) a pair of elongate guides fixed to said fourth side wall parallel one to another at a distance thereof and defining a guide passage therebetween,

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(ii) an intervening elongate guide member movable longitudinally within said guide passage; and cooperable with said handle and said cam means whereby movement of said handle effects longitudinal movement of said guide member to effect longitudinal movement of said elongate member either forwardly with said tape or rearwardly over said tape; and

(iii) wherein said stop member is rigidly connected to said guide or said fourth side wall.